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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 03-APR-2006

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	39-68.25	46-49	47.78	27

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

67.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

67.54

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	136.50	1,202
BREASTS - B/S	110.00	4,861
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	66.50	1,020
LEG QUARTERS	16.00	7,184
WINGS	86.00	2,537

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-06

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	165,667	162,318

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 2 cents lower from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryers ended the week on a barely steady to weak market tone. Offerings were ample and aggressively priced. Trade activity was light to moderate. Movement into all channels for the most part was light to moderate; instances of fairly good to good demand on activeretail and fast food promotions were noted. Floor stocks were in a full range with sizes mostly desirable. Parts supplies were fully sufficient with breast cuts noted in better balance over early week positions. Trade activity was spotty. The market tone was about steady on breast cuts, barely steady to weak on leg items and wings.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUME SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2006**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.50**	67.90**	64.25	EASTERN REGION	68.10**	67.40**	62.25
CENTRAL REGION	68.18	67.91	63.70**	CENTRAL REGION	68.39	67.83	62.30**
WESTERN REGION	67.70**	67.30**	66.00	WESTERN REGION	67.70**	67.30**	65.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-2006 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	162,089
Avg Wt	5.36
Last week	162,304
Same wk yr ago	151,161
Avg Wt	5.19
To-date/2006	1,926,751
To-date/2005	1,877,190

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,924	2,517
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96
Last week	1,821	2,645
Same wk yr ago	1,468	2,502
Avg Wt	16.03	38.03
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649
To-date/2005	18,300	30,039

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	556.65	620.00	588.09
168 3 Round, top inside round	139.00	152.00	144.08
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	489.81	543.00	511.70
Ground Beef 81%	125.00	141.45	129.02

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